

Minutes

Mansfield Advisory Committee on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities October 23, 2012

Attendance:

Fred Goetz, Christina Colon Semanza, Gloria Bent, Donna Korbel, Kevin Grunwald, staff; Kathy Easley, staff; Donna Clauson, prospective member

Regrets: Jennifer Tanner

Committee Chair F. Goetz called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

The minutes for June 26, 2012 were approved (Moved C. Colon-Semanza, seconded F. Goetz)

New Business

- a. Membership/Time of Meeting: After surveying those in attendance it was decided to make no change to the time of the meeting.
- b. Representation on the Human Services Advisory Committee: The committee will submit F. Goetz' s name to the Committee n Committees.
- c. DOT Transportation Hearing: 9/27/12: K. Grunwald reported on his testimony to the Transportation Commission. He also noted that towns receive grants for transport for elderly residents and that those grants have been cut over the last few years. We are one quarter of the way through the year and Mansfield has used half of the funding. It will probably be necessary to discontinue services before the fiscal year is out.

- d. Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting: K. Grunwald and G. Bent reported on their attendance at the recent Transportation Advisory Committee meeting. TAC members agreed they are the appropriate body to work with on our transportation concerns. TAC suggests they and we need to work with UCONN and WRTD. All groups concerned will need to gather data and be specific in identifying needs.
- e. Annual Report: K. Grunwald shared the draft of the advisory committee's goals for the coming year as noted in our annual report. The group agreed to:
- continued focus on access to buildings and services (including Post Offices)
 - a commitment to accessibility of any new recreational facilities
 - promoting wider community awareness of the committee and it's mission
 - continuing to gather information on the needs of adults with developmental disabilities
- f. Review of PZC referrals
- Whispering Glen: K. Grunwald noted the committee has previously responded to the initial proposal
- Kueffner and Stoddard proposal for a High Ropes Course: MACPD will ask if accessibility for the course itself is a part of their plan. Kevin will draft letters.

Old Business

- a. The van purchased with grant funds (lift equipped) is being delivered for preparation. It will be used for group transportation to medical facilities outside our area.

Adjourned at 3:25p.m. Next meeting November 27, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria Bent, recording secretary